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P.O. Box 6570  
Auburn, Ca. 95604  
Attn: General Managers Office

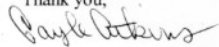
Dear Sir or Madam;

I am writing to you regarding the Auburn to Cool Trail via Coffey Dam. I am asking you to accept a plan which will keep this old and much used trail open.

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This trail is a part of a much larger system of trails that is used by many people for many activities. What may benefit the rafters will seriously hurt the Equestrians, hikers, joggers, bicyclists, runners and outdoor enthusiasts. Please don't close this trail. Keeping it open is just the right thing to do for all.

Thank you,



Gayle Atkins  
P.O. Box 1405  
Georgetown, Ca. 95634  
(530)333-0147

TO	DATE	INFO	ACTION
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D. Smith	11-13		

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.1, Auburn-to-Cool Trail.

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HARRY B. WYETH  
KAREN A. WYETH  
20862 E. Spring Ranches Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

(530) 346-6081

November 17, 2001

American River Pump Station Project  
Draft EIR/EIS Comments  
Surface Water Resources, Inc.  
2031 Howe Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Auburn-Cool Trail Closure

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

A We are horseback riders and runners who are opposed to the proposed closure of the trail from Auburn to Cool which would occur under the plan to eliminate the cofferdam on the American River. While elimination of the dam is a worthwhile project, elimination of the only means of crossing the river in this area would have serious consequences for trail users. The only other means of crossing the American River is via No Hands Bridge, about five kilometers upstream. The trail on both sides of the river at the bridge is steep and narrow in many places, particularly on the south side, and is not in good condition. This trail defiantly cannot handle the increased foot, bicycle, and horse traffic which would result from closure of the Auburn-Cool trail.

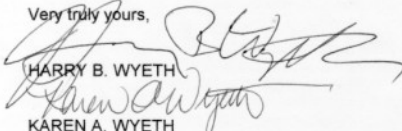
The trail on the Cool side of the river climbing up from No Hands Bridge is also very close to Highway 49, which makes the trail very noisy and frightening to sensitive horses. Almost continuously, there are large trucks roaring by uphill or using engine brakes going downhill on the highway, immediately adjacent to the trail. The trail in this area is also extremely eroded and cut down into the soil, which restricts maneuverability. For some riders, therefore, using the No Hands Bridge trail to get to Cool is actually a dangerous ride.

Closure of the cofferdam trail, therefore, will significantly reduce the recreation options available by making access to Cool substantially more difficult and will eliminate many opportunities for a scenic cross-river trip in this area.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of runners, bicycle riders, and horseback riders who are affected by this issue. These trail users frequently use the cofferdam trail and the No Hands Bridge trail to make a round trip from Auburn to Cool, and have been doing so for many years. This option should definitely be preserved.

Elimination of the cofferdam crossing is not unavoidable. A small bridge could easily be build over the river, suitable for bicycle, horse, and pedestrian traffic. We believe the additional cost of a bridge is justified and should be incorporated into the total cost of this project.

Very truly yours,

  
HARRY B. WYETH  
KAREN A. WYETH

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.1, Auburn-to-Cool Trail.

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## PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY/U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

**PCWA AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION AND RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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PLEASE USE THIS TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE DRAFT EIS/EIR. YOU CAN SEND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO:  
DRAFT EIS/EIR COMMENTS, SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC., 2031 HOWE AVENUE, SUITE 110, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825  
JUST FOLD THIS SELF-ADDRESSED SHEET INTO THIRD, SEAL, STAMP, AND MAIL. THANK YOU.

☐ Please check here if you would like to be on the project mailing list.

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.1, Auburn-to-Cool Trail.

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Scott Lindgren

From: "Pete Spiers" <teambless@tiscalinet.it>  
To: "Scott Lindgren" <fluid@inreach.com>  
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2001 8:16 AM  
Subject: Scott, can you print this sign it for me and send it in, Please cheers  
To whom it may concern,

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As a consistent user of the American River waterways I am compelled to write to you, and support the idea of returning the American river below the North and Middle fork confluence to it's natural state. As I pass by the confluence regularly, it always lifts my spirits to see the many recreators, enjoying the environment in it's natural state.

The idea of a whitewater park is a dream come true for any of the thousands of whitewater boaters in Northern California, especially after the horrible drought and lack of water on the South Fork American last summer. To propose a whitewater park in the most consistent flow of American river water in the Sierras, with it being possibly so accesable is like offering a dying man a glass of pure water. I am thrilled to think that Local authorities, including the US Bureau of Reclamation and the Placer County Water Agency are considering such a generous and thoughtful project.

The benefits to the local community will be far reaching and on top of that the sport of Whitewater will recieve a great natural resource to protect and love. Benefits to Local business will be quickly noticeable and sustainable. In short I am in full support of the proposal to return the American river to it's natural state and make it into a useable and valuable local, state and National resource and treasure.

Thankyou for any support to this great idea, I offer my personal support and enthusiasm.

Regards, Peter Spiers.  
PO Box 1153 Lotus,  
CA 95651.

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A. Project support noted.

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**COMMENT CARD**  
**PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY/U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**  
**PCWA AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION AND RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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CITY/STATE/ZIP:	Rio Linda CA 95673
BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	916-991-7708 Linda Boisa@yohoo.com
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	
<p>If you do not include a bridge over the American River, it will terribly frustrate thousands of people! I personally use this trail alot, as do many others I know. It is a beautiful trail! Why would you want to cut recreation off here? - I think Americans are frustrated enough without more loss of our trails where we go to unwind. Please Please!! include a budge!</p>	
Linda Boisa	

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**GREATER AUBURN AREA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**

C/o 120 Belmont Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603-5516  
(530) 885-1185

November 26, 2001

American River Pump Station Project  
Surface Water Resources, Inc.  
2031 Howe Avenue, Suite 110  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Re: Draft EIS/EIR Comments on American River Pump Station Project, Auburn, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

Whereas:

- 1) The U. S. Federal Register lists Auburn, CA as one of the Communities at Risk, because of its location in a Wildland Urban Interface; and
- 2) The California Department of Forestry has designated Auburn, CA as a Very High Fire Hazard Community; and
- 3) Auburn, CA is the County Seat and only community in Placer County built directly adjacent to and on the rim of the American River Canyon and in a Wildland Urban Interface; and
- 4) This Wildland Urban Interface presents a problem not of fire protection, but of community Land Use Planning; and
- 5) The majority of fires in this area have been initiated by human interaction or by vehicular causes and all of the Fire Agencies advise that increased human interaction in the Wildland Urban Interface greatly increases the likelihood of wildland fires and their spread to the greater Auburn area;

Please be advised that the **Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council**, a member of **The Placer County Fire Safe Alliance**, requests that the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed American River Pump Station Project thoroughly address the issues related to the fire danger this proposed project will pose to the Auburn community. Of particular interest to the Council is how the proposed project will address issues such as Shaded Fuel Breaks, Emergency Evacuation, Emergency Safety Zones, Ingress and Egress for Emergency Fire Equipment, Enforcement of Local and State Fire Laws and Ordinances, and other issues directly related to the fire dangers associated with the Project.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Beryl C. Smith  
Interim Chairman, GAAFSC

Cc: Alice Dowdin Singh, Mayor; Howard Leal, Fire Chief; David Breninger, PCWA;  
Congressman John Doolittle; Otis Wollan, ARWG; Jim Michaels, DPR; Kelly Keenan, CDF;  
Rob Schroeder, USBR; Randy Smith, PCFD

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

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Draft EIS/EIR Comments  
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Sacramento, CA 95825

11/25/2001

To whom it may concern,

I am an avid mountain biker and I am concerned about the loss of the Auburn to Cool trail as a result of the closing of the tunnel at the Auburn dam construction site. The Auburn to Cool trail provided the only safe route for mountain bicyclists to get between the 2 towns. The only other route requires riding on at least 2 miles of hwy. 49 that has no shoulders and high traffic speeds. I realize that the cost of a bridge would be large, therefore I believe that a reasonable low cost alternative would be a new trail that goes from the dam overlook to either hwy. 49 at the river or Mt. Quarries bridge and then up to Cool. Please consider this option and preserve safe mountain biking in the Auburn area for myself and my fellow cyclists.

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul Dayton  
Davis, CA

A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.1, Auburn-to-Cool Trail.